

NEW JERSEY STATE BOARD OF SOCIAL WORK EXAMINERS

PUBLIC SESSION MINUTES

WEDNESDAY, AUGUST 13, 2014

I. CALL TO ORDER

The meeting was called to order at 9:31 a.m. in the Hudson Conference Room, 6th floor, 124 Halsey Street, Newark, New Jersey by Chair Dr. Dawn Hall Apgar.

II. ROLL CALL

Present:

Dawn Hall Apgar, Ph.D., LSW (Chair)
Paul J. St. Onge, Esq. (present by phone. Left at 10:15 a.m.)
Maureen Braun Scalera, MSW, LCSW (Vice-Chair)
Carolyn Bradley, Ph.D., LCSW, LMFT, LCADC
Michelle Borden, MSW, LCSW, CSWM, DRCC

Absent:

Elizabeth Bowman, MSS, LCSW

Also attending:

Jodi Krugman, Deputy Attorney General
J. Michael Walker, Executive Director
Michela Ross, Government Rep

Announcement of Quorum

Chair Dr. Apgar announced the presence of a quorum at 9:32 a.m.

In accordance with Chapter 231 of P.L. 1975, more commonly referred to as the Sunshine Law, adequate notice of this meeting was provided by mailing to the Office of the Secretary of State, The Star Ledger, The Trenton Times, The Record and The Courier Post.

III. REVIEW OF MINUTES

None to review.

IV. EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR'S REPORT

Executive Director, Walker informed the Board that the Executive Directors have met with the Director of the Division of Consumer Affairs, Steve Lee to acquaint him with the processes of their respective Boards. Dr. Walker also informed the Board that from the date of the hiring freeze in 2005 to the present there has been a 198% increase in licenses

issued for the mental health boards and yet staff has been reduced by 30%. In 2013, there was a significant jump in LSW applicants and this cycle happens with the LCSW two years later.

V. ELECTION OF OFFICERS

A. Election of Board Chair

Executive Director, J. Michael Walker opened the floor for nominations for Board Chair. Ms. Braun Scalera moved to nominate Dr. Apgar for the position of Board Chair, Dr. Bradley seconded. Mr. St. Onge moved to close nominations and re-elect Dr. Apgar as Board Chair, Ms. Braun Scalera seconded the motion. Voting in favor: all. Dr. Apgar was re-elected Board Chair.

B. Election of Board Vice-Chair

Executive Director, J. Michael Walker opened the floor for nominations for Board Vice-Chair. Mr. St. Onge moved to nominate Ms. Braun Scalera for the position of Board Vice-Chair, Dr. Apgar seconded. Dr. Bradley moved to close nominations and re-elect Ms. Braun Scalera as Board Vice-Chair. Ms. Borden seconded the motion. Voting in favor: all. Ms. Braun Scalera is re-elected Board Vice-Chair.

VI. PUBLIC COMMENT

Members of the Public in attendance:

A. Kendra Hayes, LSW, Director of Continuing Education, NASW-NJ - stated that she is aware that national chapter submitted an application to be a CE approving entity and that it was filled out incorrectly. Ms. Hayes informed the Board that the NJ chapter of NASW will be working with the national chapter to have them make changes to their processes to be in compliance with NJ laws & regulations.

VII. REVIEW OF CLINICAL SUPERVISORS' CREDENTIALS

Upon motion by Dr. Bradley, seconded by Ms. Borden, the Board voted to approve all the supervisors presented with the exception of those that do not hold a clinical license.

VIII. VOTE ON CANDIDATES PROPOSED FOR CERTIFICATION/LICENSURE

Upon motion made by Ms. Braun Scalera, seconded by Ms. Borden, the Board voted to approve the following candidates as qualified in their category based on review of their application documents and in accordance with the Statute and Regulations and subject to review in the cases of pending criminal history background checks. Voting in favor: all. Ms. Borden recused herself from the vote on Elizabeth Voegtlin and Denise K. Geffke because they are on her staff. Upon motion made by Ms. Braun Scalera,

seconded by Dr. Bradley, Elizabeth Voegtlin and Denise K. Geffke are both approved for LCSW licensure. Voting in favor: all.

LCSW APPLICATIONS:

Criminal History Background Check - COMPLETED:

Christopher M. Anrig
Patricia L. Ayers
Engin Bahce
Andrew Bishop
Kathleen E. Burnham
Kreshet Y. Burt-Hedrick
Volvic Chaperon
Aidaliz Cuevas
Christina M. Cullen
Tia Davis
Doris De Jesus Ortega
Tara L. Dick
Andrea Lee
Brian Lehrer
Maureen McFadden
David Morgado
Liam A. Mulligan Gilberto Pilarte
Kristen Rainya
Mallory M. Reichert
Jediedjah Rodrigues Pereira
LaTasha E. Sampson
Meyer L. Seeve
Larissa Seymour
Misty Shores
Erica Stuppler
Stephanie Testa
Elizabeth Voegtlin

Criminal History Background Check - PENDING:

Tania Ades
Elizabeth Almoguero
Valerie M. Betgke
Jennifer L.K. Boiler
Beth A. Burynski
Karen Cooper
Ashish B. Desai
Heather Foley

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Shimon Frankel
Denise K. Geffke
Julissa Gil-Loaiza
Reed E. Gladey
Sarah K. Goldberg
Chedva Lax
Andrea J. Leach
Daniel Leal-Diaz
Kaitlin A. Luongo
Kimberly A. Mackanic
Kathleen Mahoney
Wayne H. Miller
Mosche Norman
Laura C. Parshelunis
Melissa C. Pater
Nicola Pinto
Yerelyn Reyes
Colleen P. Smith
Erica A. Smuckler
Timothy A. Steinmetz
Gemma Torsiello

LSW APPLICATIONS:

Criminal History Background Check - COMPLETED:

Nana Agyemang
Tialla Alexander-Schaab
Jamie Anastasio
Linda Andino
Ryan Appleby
Allison Arnold
Joyce Baldinucci
Britteny Barat
Carlos Barbosa
Cynthia Bernstein
Rebecca Buchwald
Meredith Cann
Ashley Chookazian
Katelyn Ciarelli
Gabrielle Cincotta
Karen Colon
Glenis Contreras
Lisa Cratch

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Ashley Czesak
Kathryn Deane
Dia Deangelis
Grace DeLeo
Ronald Devries
Kathleen Dolan
Kristen Donaldio
Katelyn Doyle
Morgan Dunnells
Paula Dupont
Elyse Elisano
Molly Farrell
Allison Fedorka
Cynthia Fermin
Amanda Fierro
Sara Furcini
Rebecca Garcia
Sarah Guarda
Ashley Gwatthey
Mary Jackey
Vanessa Javier
Julie Kentrus
Sun Kim
Lita King-Anderson
Ruth Kleiner
Katherine Kohler
Nancy Laren-Bond
Patricia Li Zhang
Juna Lisboa
Alison Marsella
Ashley Martin
Lauren Masucci
Cameron Mazzeo
Caitlin McAloon
Joselyn McClathchey
Philip McCormick
Nicole McKelvin
Andrea Miller
Lois Mirkowski
Catherine Nardone
Stefani Negrin
Sarah Nikpour
Donna O'Connor

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Kristina Odumes
Stephanie Osinski
Cindy Osuji
Melinda Padmore
Jessica Parchinski
Carly Parisi
Cheong Park
Krystina Pazoga
Bassheva Peralman
Rivka Pelberg
Bridgette Perez
Emily Perez
David Pisani
Rikki Rahmani
Channaya Raitzik
Andrea Rawicz
Ariana Rodriguez
Dorian Santiago
Timothy Sayles
John Schauhauer
Joseph Sciarretta
Kristen Sellix
Melanie Shaw
Nicole Shea
Meir Silverstein
Melissa Szladek
Genevieve Tufaro
Greysy Valdes
Luz Valentin
Nicole Ventuolo
Christopher Vilardo
Dana Ward
Robert West
John Wojtowicz
Ula Yandell

Criminal History Background Check - PENDING:

Melanie Aberthathy
Keri Adamson
Marilyn Albrecht
Lucinda Anderson
Charise Atiba

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Monica Avisado
Angela Babin
Maritza Barrett
Jennifer Bayne
Alexandra Bendzik
Susanne Bengtsson
Haywood Berman
Chelsea Bernal
Ralph Bianca
Andrew Bonfrancesco
Joseph Brodsky
Tiffany Brown
Shenjiah Brown
Sandi Bryd-Fields
Michel Carlry
Kaylan Cheatham
Helen Corbella
Jane Coyle
Katharine Cristaudo
Kathryn Crothers
Kristine Dase
Jessica Deprima
Angela Dooley
Nicole Edelman
Tasha Egalite
Cari Feingold
Sophia Fishbane
Jose Frias
Glorianna Galvan
Geoffrey Gardner
Fiorella Garrido
Paige Geraghty
Andrea Gnoinski
Sally Goebel
Jennifer Golba
Steven Griffith, III
Cara Haefner
Vivian Halpert
Amber Hamid
Sari Hanfling
Erica Harrison
Raphael Hess
Nikia Hodges

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Sean Howard
Rori Howell
Cinthya Hurtado
Arianna Illa
La Shaua Jackson
Taira Jean-Bart
Rebecca Klabe
Taylor Lang
Anna Latourette
Janelle Lau
Matthew Laycock
Sarah Leersen
Barbara Leese
Brian Leguia
Jessica Lenzsch
Sara Lewis
Kelly MacDonald
Thessa Mariano
Rachel Mark
Stephanie Matos
Matthew Matsutani
Alyssa Miller
Shannon Miller
Ellen Mitchell
Christine Mohle
Allison Montecallo
Andrea Mullen
Kathleen Murray
Jennifer Nemeth
Katrina Nichols
Casey O'Connor
Azat Oganesian
Lee Ann O'Leary
Annie Olivieri
Sara Ortiz
Kristen Palatella
Sara Passaro
Irving Paul
Julissa Pena
Megan Petach
Samatha Previte
Natalie Provenzale
Whitney Pubyalski-Yanofchick

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Suqi Reem
Melissa Regan
Marcia Reyes
Dana Ribeiro
Sara Richman
Maria Richman
Barbara Rodriguez
Evelyn Rubio
Brittany Shrophire
Nadine Slavitt
Angelica Spiroppulus
Jasmine Teague
Angela Teri
Eathelda Turner
Melanie Uhse
Orlando Velez
Aryeh Wadler
Andrea Walsmundzki
Ilana Weinberger
Charles Whittington
Pamela Wiley
Alexandra Williams
Nicole Williamson-Trip

CSW APPLICATIONS:

Criminal History Background Check - COMPLETED:

Danielle E. Abhyankar
Melissa L. Alston
Derby Biennestine Grace Billgrace
Chelsea E. Ganssle
Amanda M. Hart
Deborah S. Kivelevitz
Caroline M. Levari
Nadine Love
Kristen M. Pederson
Wanda Rodriguez
Ambria Willis

Criminal History Background Check - PENDING:

Kimberly A. Ambrose
Shawn L. Banks
Lashonda F. Buckner

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Onika Burrowes
Inga A. Cameron
Jantoya N. Canion
Milagros W. Cruz
Mick P. Daity
LiSandra L. Davila
Lydia K. Essilfie
Laverne H. Fennell
Alexandria M. Ferencz
Nina Y. Ghilino
Stefanie D. Grossett
Jonathon H. Harmon
Amber C. Harris
Sharonda M. Hogans
Mariam A. Jaber
Kellie N. Johnson
Kerri M. Johnson
Camillia Jones
Carmen G. Letren
Elizabeth Lopez
Angela M. Mastropiero
Hadas Mavashev
Megan M. O'Neill
Pieranyeli Pena
Kelsey A. Robinson
Rasheeda R. Roundtree
Ziomara Serrano
Lindberg K. Simpson
Yolanda A. Velez-Padilla
Brendaliz Veras
Cyd E. Williams
Cassie R. Wishnoff

IX. CONTINUING EDUCATION

A. Continuing Education (CE's) Review

Upon motion by Ms. Braun Scalera, seconded by Ms .Borden, the Board voted to approve the continuing education courses as presented. Voting in favor: all. Dr. Apgar recused herself from the vote on the CEU's presented by Trinitas because of an employment conflict.

X. CORRESPONDENCE

- A. National Association of Social Worker (NASW) - New Jersey** - The Board reviewed NASW-NJ's Continuing Education Collaborative's renewal application to be a continuing education approving entity. *Upon motion by Ms. Borden, seconded by Dr. Bradley, the Board voted to continue its approval of NASW-NJ as a continuing education approving entity. Voting in favor: all.*
- B. Meshulem Epstein, MSW** - The Board reviewed Mr. Mayer Zuckerman's June 30, 2014 letter and resume. *Upon motion by Ms. Braun Scalera, seconded by Dr. Bradley, the Board voted not to approve Mr. Zuckerman as Mr. Epstein's supervisor. The Board informs Mr. Epstein that he should contact a social work professional organization in order to find a supervisor with more clinical experience. Mr. Zuckerman received his LCSW in April 2010. Voting in favor: all.*
- C. Debra Haverson, MSW, LCSW** - The Board reviewed Ms. Haverson's July 8, 2014 letter inquiring if providing counselling services via group conference calls is outside the scope of practice of her LCSW license. *Upon motion by Ms. Borden, seconded by Dr. Bradley, the Board voted to inform Ms. Haverson that based on the materials submitted, the Board found that this is beyond the scope of practice of an LCSW. Voting in favor: all.*
- D. Monica McGoldrick, LCSW** - The Board review the August 1, 2014 letter from Ms. McGoldrick's attorney, Mr. David Barry and certificates of continuing education completion. *Upon motion by Ms. Braun Scalera, seconded by Dr. Bradley, the Board voted to indicate that these courses have satisfied the ethics requirement pursuant to Ms. McGoldrick's filed Consent Order. Voting in favor: all.*
- E. Zachary P. Battipaglia, LSW** - The Board reviewed the interim Consent Order for a Voluntary Surrender of his license. *Upon motion by Ms. Borden, seconded by Dr. Bradley, the Board voted to ratify this Consent Order. The Board also voted to request the curriculum vitae for Laurie Engel, LCSW, LCADC. Voting in favor: all.*
- F. National Association of Social Worker (NASW) - National Chapter** - The Board reviewed NASW's application to be a continuing education approving entity. *Upon motion by Ms. Borden, seconded by Ms. Braun Scalera, the Board voted to advise NASW to withdraw this application and resubmit when they are in compliance with NJ Board of Social Work regulations. Voting in favor: all.*

XI. MEETING DATES FOR 2014

please note: all meetings will begin at 9:30 a.m.

September 10, 2014- Hudson Conference Room, 6th FL

October 8, 2014- Monmouth Conference Room, 6th FL

November 12, 2014- Hudson Conference Room, 6th FL

December 10, 2014- Hudson Conference Room, 6th FL

XII. ADJOURNMENT

Public session closed at 10:56 a.m. and the Board moved to executive session upon motion by Ms. Braun Scalera, seconded by Ms. Borden. The Board re-entered public session at 3:10 p.m. to adjourn the meeting by unanimous consent.

Respectfully submitted,

Dawn Hall Apgar, Ph.D., LSW
Chair